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## Louisa Harrison Celebrates 100th

"They're very nice," an alert Mrs. Louisa Harrison of Massasoit Rd., commented Wednesday upon receiving congratulations from President Johnson, Sen. Leverett Saltonstall and Gov. John Volpe on her 100th birthday anniversary.

About 50 relatives and friends from as far away as Florida and Chicago converged on her home at Standish Shores overlooking Duxbury Bay for her birthday party. Mrs. Harrison, whose health is generally good, cut a two-tiered birthday cake, one of many gifts she received, and obviously enjoyed the festivities marking her arrival at the century mark.

Telephone calls from townspeople came in all day, the mailman left a stack of congratulatory cards and half-dozen bouquets arrived. All of her relatives were on hand as Mrs. Harrison received guests all afternoon, then joined them for a buffet supper.

### GUNNING STAND

Although her hearing and sight are somewhat impaired, Mrs. Harrison spends much of her time



MRS. LOUISA HARRISON

watching the boats on Duxbury Bay and television. She is able to get about the house with the aid of a walker and occasionally goes out for a ride. She keeps up with current events, reading the headlines of newspapers with a magnifying glass. She can remember when her home

was the site of a gunning stand.

Mrs. Harrison was born in Duxbury, daughter of John and Louisa Ellis. Her father was a sea captain. She attended the local grammar schools and was graduated from Partridge Academy. She married Thomas Harrison in 1887 and spent most of her married life in Boston. He died in 1922 and since then Mrs. Harrison has spent most of her life in Duxbury.

All of her family gathered for the celebration, including four great-granddaughters she had never seen before.

Present were her son, Ellis F. Harrison of Duxbury; her daughter, Mrs. Robert M. Putnam, and Mr. Putnam, with whom she makes her home; her grandson, Gregory Harrison of Eau Gallie, Fla.; her five great-grandchildren, Nancy, Kathleen, Margie-Lil, Susan Marie and Diana Lynn Harrison; her niece and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence R. "Jack" Drew of Kingston, and her nephew and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Ray A. Stearns of Duxbury.

Diana Lynn Harrison, four months old, was the youngest guest present. Among others at the party were the worthy matron and several members of Boston Chapter, OES, which Mrs. Harrison joined in 1925.

Congratulatory messages were read to her by Mrs. Ernest C. Lavin of Wellesley and Duxbury, a close friend. "My sincere congratulations upon your birthday. May good health by yours through many more happy years," was the greeting from Lyndon B. Johnson.

From Sen. Saltonstall: "Congratulations on your 100th birthday. You have witnessed a fascinating period in our history. I know that you must have many pleasant memories to look back upon and many friends to share them with. Mrs. Saltonstall and I would like to join with them in extending you our very best wishes."

Gov. Volpe wrote: "I would like to extend my warmest personal congratulations and the greetings of the Commonwealth on the celebration of your 100th birthday. You have been blessed with a rich and full life, and I join with your many friends in praying for your continued good health and happiness."